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REMARKS

In the office action, the examiner rejected Claims 16 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, on the ground that the limitations critical or essential to the practice of the invention are not included. Accordingly, the applicant has amended Claims 16 and 17 to include the limitations essential to the invention.

In the office action, the examiner rejected Claims 16 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. Accordingly, the applicant has amended Claims 16 and 17 to change the "semiconductor" to --transistor-- to overcome the rejection.

In view of the foregoing, the applicant believes that Claims 1-4 and 16-17 are in condition for allowance, and accordingly, the applicant respectfully requests that the present application be allowed and passed to issue.

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